

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 31st May 2015

Silent Key – John (Jeff) Walsh EI6CW

The death has occurred on Monday May 25th of John (Jeff) Walsh EI6CW. Jeff was a member of Skerries Radio Club, long time member of IRTS and a retired radio officer. Funeral took place on Thursday 28th May.

May he rest in peace.

IRTS CW Field Day

The next IRTS contest is CW Field Day, which takes place next weekend 6th and 7th June. A number of IARU Region 1 countries hold CW field day contests over the same weekend. The contest runs for 24 hours from 15:00 UTC on Saturday. See www.irts.ie/contests for full details.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will meet on Wednesday next June 3rd in Carrigtwohill Community Centre at 2030. Long-time digital modes experimenter Don Kelly EI8DJ will give a talk on Digital voice for HF. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome. Intending participants in upcoming field days are especially asked to attend. Further information from Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or [ei4bz /at/ eircom.net](mailto:ei4bz@eircom.net)

IRTS Committee and Officers

At a recent committee meeting, three members of the society were co-opted to the committee - they are Ger EI4GXB, Paul EI5KI and Dave EI6AL. Also at the meeting it was agreed that Dave EI6AL would have the dual role of Treasurer and Membership Records Officer. See the "About IRTS" section of www.irts.ie for full details of the society's committee members and officers.

IRTS AGM 2015 Awards, Trophies & Cups

A complete awards list, trophies and cups presented at the AGM is available on www.irts.ie/awards

Amongst the awards presented was the Kevin Freeny trophy awarded to Daniel Cussen EI9FHB, the EI7IQ National 6 meter Shield awarded to Dave Deane EI9FBB, the EI7IQ National 4 metre Shield awarded to Tom Cocking EI4DQ.

2m Nets

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater.

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

DX News

Bob PB5X will be holidaying on the Maltese island of Gozo from 1st to 8th June. He will use the callsign 9H3A and will focus on the WARC bands. QSLs go via his home call.

Ken KH6QJ will be QRV from Christmas Island from 3rd to 8th June using the callsign T32AZ. He will be on the HF bands plus 6m CW and SSB.

The well-known DXer Sigi DL7DF, along with DJ6TF, DK1BT and DL7UFR, will operate as OX/homecall from Greenland from 3rd to 12th June. They will operate all bands 160 – 6m on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31.

Nobby G0VJG will sign 8Q7CQ from the Maldives from 5th to 18th June. While he will be QRV on the HF bands he will also hope to work many stations on 6m. QSL Manager is G4DFI.

South Africa New 8m Band

Amateur radio operators in South Africa have been allocated a new 8metre band, 40.675 to 40.685MHz for propagation studies. The allocation is for up to 400W and

all emissions are permitted except pulse and fast scan TV.

The power limits for most of the other amateur bands have been raised to 1kW for A licensees and the 160m band has been extended up to 2MHz.

“Electra” Back on Air

The yacht “Electra” will be activated on June 6th and 7th in conjunction with the Museum Ships Weekend celebrating Marconi’s contribution to radio. The special event callsign is II4MB.

Items for inclusion in next week’s Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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